

REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 16 and 20.

The Examiner indicated that claim 1, line 18, should be amended by replacing the phrase "to thereby bring" with the word -- bringing -. Additionally, claim 1, line 19, should be amended by adding the following words after the phrase "the braking surface", -- with the second end in abutting contact with the braking surface -. Applicant has made the requested changes to claim 1.

The Examiner also indicated that the wording of claims 1, 16 and 22, as it relates to the engagement of the braking elements with the braking surface, needs to be amended to make it consistent in all three of these claims. Applicant has therefore amended claims 16 and 22 by incorporating the relevant wording of claim 1 into these two claims.

Applicant believes that the amendments are along the lines requested by the Examiner. However, if the Examiner requires some additional amendments to be made to these claims, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (330) 244-1174.

Applicant submits that all of the claims remaining in this application are now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests early issuance of a Notice of Allowability to that effect.

Respectfully submitted at Canton, Ohio this 17th day of November, 2009.

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